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FROZEN:

HANCOCK COUNTY ENDURES RECORD WINTER STORM

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

Last week was one for the record books — Hancock County and the Mississippi Gulf Coast suffered through the worst winter weather in more than 60 years.

"It's the biggest winter storm since (December) 1963, from what I understand," Hancock County Emergency Management Agency Director Brian "Hooty" Adam said.

The Dec. 31, 1963 storm still holds the all-time record, with 10 inches of snow in a single day. Last Tuesday's storm dumped between five and seven inches of snow across Hancock County, according to the National Weather Service office in Slidell, along with temperatures as low as 8 degrees Fahrenheit.

"The EOC (Emergency Operations Center) was operational the whole time," Adam said. "We started a cold-weather shelter on Sunday the 19th and we closed it on Saturday morning, the 25th, at 8 o'clock in the morning. We had approximately 12 people in the shelter, which is a lot. Usually,

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PHOTOS BY GEOFF BELCHER I SEA COAST ECHO
Hancock County and the rest of the Mississippi Gulf Coast came to a virtual stand-still last Tuesday morning during a historic winter storm, with sub-freezing temperatures and up to seven inches of snow accumulation in some places. All Hancock-area schools closed until Monday and all non-essential city and county offices were preemptively closed until last Friday.

Blaze destroys historic Bay home,

OCCUPANT AND TWO PETS ESCAPE UNHARMED

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

In addition to ice and snow, the Bay St. Louis Fire Department spent several hours battling a blaze at the corner of Ulman and North Second Street in Old Town Bay St. Louis last Wednesday morning.

Bay St. Louis Fire Chief Monty Strong said there were no injuries reported from the incident, which was reported at around 6 a.m. Wednesday.

"The homeowner was present (when the fire started) and was able to get out of there with his two pets," Strong said. Unfortunately, the home was a complete loss."

"We had assistance from the Waveland Fire De-

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PHOTO BY GEOFF BELCHER I SEA COAST ECHO
Firefighters battle fire at historic home, located on Ulman and N. Second Street in Bay St. Louis.

Today	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5
61°	68°	62°	63°	67°	63°	55°
Low Temperature 55°F	Low Temperature 54°F	Low Temperature 48°F	Low Temperature 50°F	Low Temperature 53°F	Low Temperature 56°F	Low Temperature 50°F
Cloudy	71% Chance of Rain	No Chance of Rain	No Chance of Rain	No Chance of Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
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Low Tide	**Low Tide**	**Low Tide**	**Low Tide**	**Low Tide**	**Low Tide**	**Low Tide**
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CASA of South Mississippi celebrates 13th annual Mardi Gras ball

Photo submitted
This year's Krewe of CASA royalty, Queen Heather Ladner-Smith and King Jason Chiniche.

ECHO STAFF

CASA of South Mississippi and the Krewe of CASA on Saturday hosted the 13th annual Mardi Gras Gala at Hollywood Casino in Bay St. Louis.

"We are beyond grateful for everyone who joined us at the Krewe of CASA Mardi Gras Gala," CASA Executive Director Cynthia Chauvin said on social media. "Your support, generosity, and energy made it a truly magical evening, all in support of CASA's mission to advocate for children in need."

Chauvin also gave a shout-out to this year's CASA royalty.

"A royal congratulations to our Krewe of CASA King Jason Chiniche, and Queen Heather Ladner Smith! Your dedication and support mean the world to us, and we are honored to celebrate you!"

CASA of South Mississippi — formerly known as CASA of Hancock County — provides abused and neglected children with quality advocacy in the court system and to secure a safe, permanent, and nurturing home for them by recruiting, training and supporting a diverse network of Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) programs recruit, train and support volunteers who advocate for children who have been abused or neglected to ensure that their best interests are preserved in court and in the community.

To learn more or to become a volunteer, call 228-344-0419.

County discusses Pearlington Water and Sewer District

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors on Monday heard from Cabrina Bell, chairman of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District Board.

"We understand that you intend to approve a feasibility study that would have Pearlington Water and District dissolved and be taken over by the Hancock County Water and Sewer District," she said. "Today, we are here to tell you why you are doing a disservice to Pearlington residents."

Bell said the Pearlington Board has "long favored" a feasibility study on all utility districts.

"A study that would conclude, regardless of outcome, with Pearlington and all the other districts have the same voting power that we currently have," she said. "The study that was presented to us on Jan. 15 was the opposite of that. We were asked to vote to dissolve our district and to allow the Hancock County Water and Sewer District to take us over."

Bell said that the board is aware that redundant services exist and could be saved by consolidating, the board feels that those services would be saved to a greater degree by consolidating all the districts, not just one.

"We are not the only entity with redundancy," Bell said. "If we were to vote to dissolve the Pearlington Water and Sewer District, we would be voting to silence ourselves. We would become a minority vote on Hancock County Water and Sewer District, who would themselves become a minority vote on the Hancock County Utility Authority. Who would voluntarily do that?"

Bell said there is not a member on the board who intends to dissolve the district.

James Lamy, general manager of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District, also spoke to the board, and said the water well in Pearlington is the sole water supply.

"The Mississippi Department of Health tells us every year, upon inspection, that we need a back up water well," Lamy said. "Through various efforts and hard work by our team, we have accumulated more than $1 million in funds to achieve our primary goal, back up water well. We are closer to that than ever before in making this a reality. None of us know when the next Hurricane Katrina will hit, or when a back up water well is needed. Regardless, we are not waiting around for that, nor do we wish to put our fate in another entity's hands and hope that will prioritize our needs."

Lamy said that ten years ago, the county appropriated funds to the HCUA to help pay the debt service before it was passed to the districts.

"After consolidating the southern regional wastewater treatment plant with other utility districts, the board of supervisors stopped contributing to the debt service," Lamy said. "And HCUA passed the debt service costs to the districts. Because of the consolidation, Pearlington residents pay thousands of dollars every year for a debt that is not ours. How do we know that won't happen again?"

Lamy said that Pearlington Water and Sewer District did not raise rates for ten years.

"We control our costs, absorb the small amount inflation that took place prior to 2020," Lamy said. "Since 2020 however, inflation has increased over 20 percent. We're not immune to those rising costs. A 20 percent increase in our rates would change our flat rate from $60 to $72. We choose to increase our rates to $80 to a month to help combat future expected increase or expected inflation, which is projected to be another three percent in 2025, plus to help fund future costs, such

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Hancock Youth Leadership Academy kicks off 2025 with new class of young leaders

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Hancock Youth Leadership Academy (HYLA) High School Program kicked off the New Year with a new class of young leaders. The 2025 HYLA High School Class is comprised of 26 eleventh graders from Hancock County who represent all four area high schools (Bay High School, Hancock High School, Our Lady Academy, and St. Stanislaus). They will participate in a rigorous year long program which is based on building college readiness, appreciation of community assets, and developing leadership potential.

Our first session was held on January 15th at the Bay Saint Louis Community Center and was sponsored by Bailey Braswell/Edward Jones. Students participated in icebreaker activities and explored the different characteristics of being a good leader. Mr. Cary Trapani discussed principles of servant leadership. Mr. Trapani is a Financial Advisor with Northwestern Mutual.

Members of the 2024 HYLA High School class joined the new group for lunch to help them learn how to get the most out of the program.

Joy Reeves from Mississippi Power met with the students and conducted a personal profile (DISC) on each student's individual leadership style. Students participated in various activities which helped them to learn how to better relate to others in the group.

The Hancock Youth Leadership Academy is the only county-wide youth leadership program in Hancock County and is a program of the Hancock Resource Center. HYLA is funded by sponsorships and donations from the local community. If you are interested in supporting the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy, contact Hancock Resource Center by visiting the website www.hancockhrc.org or call 228-463-8887 to learn how.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HANCOCK RESOURCE CENTER
From front left, Laila Ladner (Hancock, Kimber Pennell (OLA), Olivia Couvilllon (OLA), Gracie Veazey (OLA), Hayden Hopgood (Hancock), Karoline Burroughs (OLA), and Tatum Alombro (Bay High). From middle left, Matthew Fasullo (SSC), Gavin Garcia (Bay High), Daniel Corona (Bay High), Keegan Walls (Bay High), Spencer Lamb (Hancock), Michaela Berry (Hancock), Isabelle Bates (OLA), Emma Hebert (OLA), Raleigh Seal (Hancock), and Cheyenne Gray (OLA). From back left, Waits Murphy (SSC), Gabe Franco (SSC), Daniel Zhang (SSC), Landon Newton (SSC), Bryson Soffra (Hancock), Ella Hayward (OLA), Megan Laville (OLA), Reagan Krebs (OLA), and Aubrey Canzoneri (OLA).

Election heating up in Bay St. Louis

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

With only one day left to qualify, municipal races are heating up in Bay St. Louis with a current city councilman stepping up to challenge incumbent Mayor Mike Favre, but the city of Diamondhead only has one candidate for each office so far.

Councilman-at-Large Gary Knobloch made it official this week, filing his papers to run for mayor against Favre. In Diamondhead, current Ward 2 Councilwoman Anna Liese has filed to run for mayor, but incumbent Mayor Nancy Depreo had not qualified as of press time on Tuesday.

In other Bay races:

• Jordan Bradford was the only candidate as of Tuesday to qualify for the Ward 1 seat which incumbent Councilman Doug Seal is vacating.

• In the Ward 2 council race, former Maggie May's and LuLu's owner Nancy Moynan has qualified to challenge incumbent Gene Hoffman, who also filed for reelection.

• In Ward 3, Bay P.D. Officer Phalba Holmes is the only candidate to qualify so far in the position being vacated by long-time Councilman Jeffrey Reed.

• Ward 4 Councilman Kyle Lewis has qualified to run for reelection, but so has challenger Jimmy Osbourne, the long-time organizer of the Our Lady of the Gulf Crab Fest.

• Incumbent Ward 5 Councilwoman Linda Kay Davis was the only person to qualify in that race as of press time Tuesday.

• In Ward 6, Councilman Josh DeSalvo has filed to run, but he is being challenged by Tami Guy Curtis.

As of press time Tuesday, no one had yet filed for the councilman-at-large seat being vacated by Knoblock.

In Diamondhead races, Councilman-at-Large Gerard Maher, Ward 1 Councilman Shane Finley and Ward 4 Councilman Austin Clark were all running for reelection unopposed. Former Councilman Ricky Shepherd was the only candidate for the Ward 2 seat being vacated by Anna Liese, and Jessie Harwood was the only candidate who had qualified for incumbent Councilman John Cumberland's Ward 3 seat.

The deadline to qualify for any of the municipal races is this Friday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m.

The primary elections will be held April 1, and the general elections are scheduled for June 3.

KOC hosts exemplification

Photo submitted
On Saturday January 18th the Knights of Columbus held their exemplification for the Fourth Degree. This exemplification was hosted by Our Lady of the Gulf assembly 560. The following Knights were installed: John Adams, Scott Carter, Jake Forstall, Bill Beckham, Ken Roche, Jack Reidy, Jeff LeSage, Charlie Molesworth, and Cary Trapani.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HANCOCK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY WILL BE ON:

• FEBRUARY 6TH, 2025 AT 2PM •
•FEBRUARY 27TH, 2025 AT 2PM•

QUESTIONS, CALL 228-467-6208

PUBLIC NOTICE

The *HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY's* Monthly Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Feb. 5th, 2024 @ 8:30 A.M.**
The location will be at the **City of Bay St. Louis Board Room**
@ 598 Main Street Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

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If you would like to honor a deceased veteran by donating an aged or worn flag to be properly disposed of, you may do so by delivering the flags to our funeral home located on the corner of Necaise Avenue and Main Street.

"We pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 31

• American Legion Post 77 will host Steak Night from 4 to 7 p.m. at the post home, located at 503 Waveland Ave. The menu includes ribeye steak, baked potato, and salad for $20; or fried fish with French fries and coleslaw for $10.

FEBRUARY 1

• The Hancock County Library System, Harrison County Library System, and The University of Southern Mississippi will present "Homegrown: A Writers' Exchange" A full day about writing, publishing, insights, creativity, books and "How To's" with more than 30 of the South's "most extraordinary writers." The event will be held at USM's Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach. For more information, visit www.hcls.info/homegrown.

• The Gulf South Bluegrass Festival will be held at the Lakeshore Community Center, 6440 Lower Bay Road, Bay St. Louis. The show starts at 1 p.m. Entertainment includes, Gospel Grass Revival, The Spring Chickens, Bluegrass Cartel, and Cody and Cole. Concessions on site. Bonafide guitar and repair vendor. No alcoholic beverages. Nearest camping: Buccaneer State Park and Silver Slipper Casino. For more information, call Annette Moran at 228-760-0475 or Kenny Dawsey at 601-916-6076.

FEBRUARY 2

• A private screening of "The Gulfside Assembly Story" will be held at The 100 Men Hall, 303 Union St., Bay St. Louis. It is an award-winning documentary presenting the history of Gulfside Assembly and its visionary leader. It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. General admission tickets are $20. Panel discussion and reception to follow. Sales support the mission of Gulfside Assembly.

FEBRUARY 8

• The 57th annual Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Tableau Ball (strictly formal) will be held at 8 p.m. at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi. Free, but tickets are required for entry. Formal attire required: Evening floor length gown and tuxedo required. No charge for viewing the ball tableau. For an invitation to the ball, contact info@thekreweofnereids.com. After party dance tickets are $100 each. For after party tickets, email supperdance@thekreweofnereids.com.

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Events featured on the calendar page are printed at no charge and space permitting. Submissions are limited to community, educational, churches and non-profit organizations. Please submit your calendar entries electronically —— to cassandra@seacoastecho.com.

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collector
Homestead Exemption Applications Accepted

Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from **January 3, 2025 through March 31, 2025,** office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2025** to qualify for homestead exemption.
The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

A) Warranty deed
B) Cost of property
C) Down payment amount
D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County. **(All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock County.)**
E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required
F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required
G) Is any part of the property rented
H) Must have MS Driver's License and Social Security Number

You must refile your homestead exemption application if, on or before January 1, 2025 any of the following occurred

A) You became over 65 on or before January 1, 2025
B) You became 100% disabled service Connected veteran on or before January 1, 2025
C) You acquired a new residence
D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead
E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

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Opinion

Conservation Corner: The Lesser Snow Goose

Anyone who has spent time outdoors during the winter months can testify to the vast numbers of geese found throughout the Mississippi Delta. It seems that each winter, more and more geese are migrating to spend their winters in this habitat-rich environment.

GUEST COLUMN
BY JAMES L. CUMMINS

The majority of geese that migrate to Mississippi are the lesser snow geese. The lesser snow goose has two color phases, a blue phase and a white phase and should not be confused with the smaller, but similar looking Ross' goose.

The lesser snow goose is 27 to 31 inches in length and averages around 4.6 pounds for juveniles and 5.7 pounds for adults (Ross' goose averages 25 inches in length and weighs around 4 pounds). Adults of the white-color phase are completely white with black wingtips and rosy-red feet, legs, and bill. Occasionally, the head has a rusty appearance from feeding where ferrous minerals occur in the soil. Immature white-faced snow geese typically have a gray head, neck, back, and upper wing surface. The wingtips are black, and the bill and legs are grayish brown.

Adults of the blue phase (often referred to as "eagle heads") have a bluish-gray body and a white head, neck, and tail. There are varying amounts of white on the underside of the bird. The bill, feet, and legs are rosy red.

Snow geese, like most species of geese, first breed at 3 years of age. The female selects a nest site, typically on low, grassy areas of the tundra plains, and builds the nest by "scraping" an area and using nearby plants such as moss, grass, and sedges. The clutch size will vary from 2 to 10 eggs. Hatching success is typically 60 to 90%. Incubation is done solely by the female and averages from 19 to 24 days.

Both parents take an active role in guarding the brood, but only the female rears the young. The parents lead the brood from the nesting grounds in search of food within a day or two after hatching. Families of snow geese tend to group together and

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Hancock History: Vicksburg Campaign

The surrender of Vicksburg and the Battle of Gettysburg both occurred around July 3, 1863. These conflicts represented a turning point in the War Between the States. Numerous young men from Hancock County participated in the Vicksburg Campaign. In 1861, men volunteered to form two companies called the "Shieldsboro Rifles" and the "Gainesville Volunteers." Eight companies from several towns along the coast were formed into the Mississippi Third Regiment of the Confederate Army.

On March 12, 1862, one hundred three men gathered at the Hermitage in Hobolochitto (aka Picayune) to form C Company, 38 Mississippi Infantry of the Confederate Army. They were known as the "Hancock Rebels." This town at that time was in early Hancock County. The above-mentioned units fought in numerous engagements in Mississippi and elsewhere. Members from both units participated in the Vicksburg Campaign.

Vicksburg was a fortress embedded on the east bank of the Mississippi River halfway between Memphis and New Orleans. Formable artillery batteries on the bluffs of Vicksburg prevented passage because they could outgun the Union gunboats. General Ulysses S. Grant and General William Tecumseh Sherman tried to take Vicksburg by direct land attacks but failed.

By the spring of 1863 Grant determined to achieve access to Vicksburg by a bold innovative move. He moved his 40,000 soldiers down the west bank of the Mississippi River well below the Confederate Army in Vicksburg. At a point thirty miles below at Bruinsburg he crossed back to the east bank of the River. At this point Grant severed his supply line, but dared a strategy of living off the land. The tactic succeeded and Grant moved his army

HANCOCK HISTORY
BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

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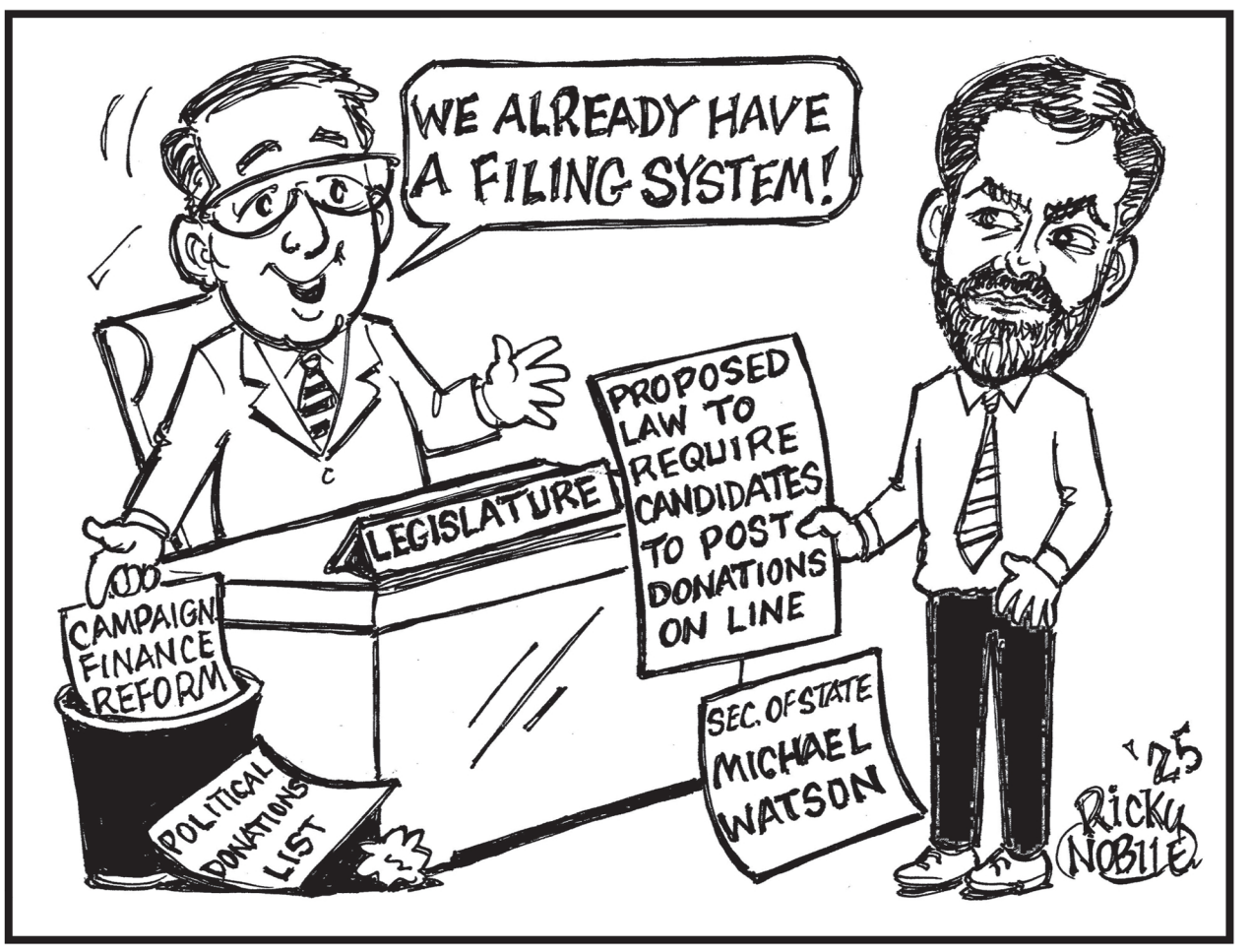

Hancock Chamber celebrates a spring packed with ribbon cuttings

GUEST COLUMN
BY HANCOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This week, the Hancock Chamber of Commerce announces the kick-off of the 100th Anniversary of its founding by the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club with a spring packed with Ribbon Cuttings for local businesses. From local entrepreneurs to popular regional businesses, new ventures are popping up across Hancock County, signaling growth and investment in our community.

"The number of ribbon cuttings scheduled from now until May demonstrate why businesses join the Chamber," said Tish Williams, Executive Director of the Hancock Chamber.

"Nationwide, 44 percent of consumers are more likely to think favorably of a small business when they know the company is a member of the chamber of commerce and are 63 percent more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future. If a company is highly involved in the local chamber, a consumers believe the company is trustworthy, involved in the community, and is an industry leader," she added.

Here's a look at the exciting ribbon cuttings coming up:

January

Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. – Secret Coast Security

Location: Hancock Chamber Business Resource Center, 300 S. 2nd St., Bay St. Louis

Secret Coast Security offers cutting-edge security solutions for homes and businesses, including alarms, surveillance, and remote access.

Jan. 31, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Barracuda Taco Stand

Location: 112 N. 2nd St., Bay St. Louis

A New Orleans favorite, Barracuda Taco Stand is bringing its fresh, flavorful tacos and refreshing libations to Old Town Bay St. Louis.

February

Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. – Flip Flop Shops Bay St. Louis

Location: 142 Blaize Ave., Bay St. Louis

Get ready for warm weather at the Depot District's newest addition! Flip Flop Shops carries favorite brands like Havianas, Birkenstock, Crocs, Rainbow and more.

Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. – Coastal Mobile Beverage Bar

Location: Hancock Chamber Business Resource Center, 300 S. 2nd St., Bay St. Louis

Coastal Mobile Beverage Bar is perfect for outdoor events, offering custom cocktails, unique rental setups, and even fun yard games like giant Jenga and Connect 4.

Feb. 20, 5–7 p.m. – Hancock Resource Center Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours

Location: 887 Washington Ave., Bay St. Louis

Visit the Hancock Resource Center's new home! Learn about their many programs supporting housing, veterans, youth, and more.

March

Mar. 6 at 4 p.m. – Renaissance Dermatology

Location: 501 Main St., Ste. 2, Bay St. Louis

Led by Dr. Laurie Harrington, this new office offers a range of dermatology and aesthetic services.

Mar. 27 at 10 a.m. – 7 Brew Crew

Location: 340 Hwy 90, Waveland

7 Brew is more than a coffee shop—it's a drive-thru destination for customizable coffees, smoothies, and energy drinks served with a personal touch.

April

Apr. 10 at 4 p.m. – Bridgeway Insurance Open House

Location: 122 Court St., Bay St. Louis

Bridgeway Insurance is transitioning to a new office space! Learn about their comprehensive offerings, including home, auto, and business insurance.

Apr. 24 at 4 p.m. – Enhanced Beauty Esthetics

Location: 17065 Kapalama Rd., Pass Christian/Diamondhead

Jessica Aguilar, a licensed esthetician, brings cutting-edge treatments like HydroDermabrasion and Jet Plasma to Diamondhead. She is also training in oncology esthetics to provide safe, specialized care for cancer patients.

Stay Connected

For more information about joining the Hancock Chamber of Commerce, contact Member Services Manager Janice Jones at 228.467.9048 or janice@hancockchamber.org. Stay updated on upcoming events by visiting the Hancock Chamber website and following us on social media.

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ARREST RECORD

Arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice facility from January 20 to Janurary 27 appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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Timothy J. Wortman, 39, possession of paraphernalia

Ryan S. Ray, 25, shoplifting

Joshua R. Harrison, 31, shoplifting

Sergio Hernandez-Mazariegos, 25, DUI; no drivers license or expired; no motor vehicle insurance; hold for ICE

Persciliano Gonzalez-Cardon, 30, no drivers license or expired; careless driving; DUI; hold for ICE

Scott D. Ditmore, 53, contempt of court failure to appear; hold for other agency

Brandon S. Cotter, 34, DUI

Patrick W. Volpi Jr., 28, explosives, unlawful possession

Marco L. Welch, 45, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense; contempt of court failure to appear x 4

Jessica L. Tuggle, 44, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams); disorderly conduct; receiving stolen property; tampering with physical evidence

Christopher J. Jordan, 42, probation violation

Jacqueline L. Schorr, 69, DUI

Robert D. Bourgeois, 27, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance

Courtney L. Strain, 26, contempt of court violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement

Donald J. Schwartz Sr., 51, contempt of court failure to appear

Gerdis N. Seals, 29, felony possession of controlled substance; hold MDOC

Bradly D. Strong, 45, contempt of court failure to appear

Maegan Gebhart, 39, shoplifting

Melissa Bullock, 57, contempt of court failure to appear

Joseph W. Perrault, 51, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance

Ashley M. Dunhurst, 37, contempt of court failure to appear

Larry E. Smith Jr., 54, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia

Michael A. Williams Jr., 35, reckless driving; possession of paraphernalia

Shellie R. Necaise, 28, contempt of court failure to appear x 2

Michael D. Riley, 35, possession of paraphernalia

James I. Holden III, 43, DUI; speeding; failure to dim lights; no drivers license or expired; no motor vehicle insurance; seat belt violation; contempt of court failure to appear x 2; probation violation

Sherri S. Lee, 49, hold for other agency

Ernest W. Thomas JR, 51, DUI; tag-none, expired, improperly mounted, covering or mounted

Allie E. McQueen, 33, DUI; careless driving; driving with suspended or revoked license; no motor vehicle insurance

Joshua E. Ladner, 37, larceny, felony talking of a vehicle

Jacob W. Champagne, 24, felony possession of controlled substance

Zachary N. Jadick, 30, contempt of court failure to appear

Joan M. Taylor, 45, disturbing the peace; simple assault

Eve J. Krause, 51, shoplifting; contempt of court failure to appear; contempt failure to pay

James A. Geoffrey, 45, drunkenness/profanity in public place

Dakota S. Bernos, 26, simple domestic violence simple assault; shoplifting x 2; probation violation

Jenna L. Madison, 30, embezzlement; concept of court failure to appear

Joseph N. Compretta, 20, speeding x 2; reckless driving; drunkenness/profanity in public place; DUI

Daizey M. Paulette, 26, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense; contempt failure to appear x 2; probation violation

Sydney A. Woodson, 43, no drivers license or expired; no proof of liability insurance; improper lane change or location; DUI; contempt of court failure to appear

Richard S. Cotting, 40, impersonating an officer or employee

Rachel D. Sowell, 44, felony possession of controlled substance

Hannah B. McCaskell, 30, DUI; DUi child endangerment x 2; reckless driving

Megan D. Nettles, 28, domestic violence simple assault

Jonathan O. Alexander, 47, contempt of court failure to appear

Logan V. Levy, 36, contempt failure to comply; contempt of court failure to appear

MS House Summary - Week of January 20, 2025

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The third week of the 2025 Legislative Session marked a relatively lighter pace of floor activity as committees continue to meet and draft bills. Early in the session, much of the focus remains on refining and preparing legislative proposals for consideration.

Monday, January 20, was the deadline for introducing general bills and constitutional amendments. Committees are now fully engaged, holding meetings and hearings to review and discuss proposed legislation. This week, several bills were taken up, passed, and will now head to the Senate for further consideration and potential action.

Looking ahead, Tuesday, February 4, is the deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in their respective houses. The House is set to reconvene on Monday at 4 PM as the session moves forward with its legislative agenda.

• HISTORY

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northeast to surround Vicksburg in May of 1863.

Confederate General Pemberton had thirty thousand Confederate troops in Vicksburg. Two assaults by Grant failed to break the Confederate line. Grant then settled down to a methodical siege. He controlled all the approaches to the city and by the end of June the Confederates were short of ammunition and on the brink of starvation. Pemberton surrendered July 4, 1863.

The Confederate soldiers in Vicksburg were furloughed. Many died in the conflict such as Thomas Doby Jr. from the Pearlington neighborhood. (The Doby Family will be the subject of a forthcoming article in this publication). The soldiers from Shieldsboro and Gainesville that were not captured in Vicksburg participated in other battles in Tennessee, Atlanta, and North Carolina. The soldiers from the units formed in Picayune such as the Hancock Rebels that survived these battles were converted in 1864 into mounted infantry. They served under General Nathan Bedford Forrest at the end of the Civil War. The soldiers that volunteered from Northern Hancock County (Picayune) were members of prominent early pioneer families: Smith, Bilbo, Burges, Seal, Henley, Spiers, Stewart, Pentor, Jarrell, and Stockstill. Family names from Shieldsboro included Saucier, Toulme, and Baxter.

A Mississippi State Historical Marker is located at the Visitor Center in Picayune at the Amtrack Railroad Station. The marker commemorates the several units from Hancock County that served in the Civil War: Shieldsboro Rifles, Gainesville Volunteers, Hancock Rebels, Poitevent's Company, and Captain Robard's Company. Sadly, it is estimated ninety percent of our boys did not come home, presumably mostly dead. Of the 123 Hancock Rebels that volunteered in 1862, only eight came home. Of the 12,000 Mississippi boys who fought with the Third Regiment all the way to North Carolina, only 55 survived. Typhoid fever, measles, dysentery, and pneumonia killed more soldiers that bullets or artillery shells.

• GOOSE

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travel in flocks during the migration.

Snow geese begin migrating from the breeding grounds in mid-August and the bulk of the migration happens in September. During migration, snow geese typically feed largely on agricultural areas of corn and soybeans in the Midwest. As they migrate south, they adjust their diet to include rice and winter wheat.

Snow geese winter across much of the south central and western states with the larger concentrations found in the Central Valley of California and the Gulf Coast region of Louisiana and Texas.

Almost all the snow goose management occurs on migration and wintering areas. As with other waterfowl, management consists primarily of providing geese with food, water, and protection, whether it be in the rice fields of Mississippi and Arkansas, or the coastal marshes of Louisiana.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a nonprofit conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

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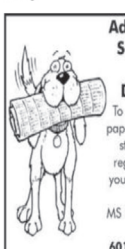

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Week of January 26, 2025

Obituaries

• RUSSELL A. BROKMEIER

Russell A. Brokmeier

Born June 15, 1956, passed away on Sunday January 12, 2025, surrounded by family.

He and his wife, Marion, were the owner/operators of KG's Cajun Seafood and Po'boys for many years. Russell enjoyed talking about his love for cars, motorcycles, and the Saint's.

Russell is preceded in death by his mother, Muriel Manieri Brokmeier and brother, Charles "Chuck" Brokmeier.

He is survived by his best friend and the love of his life, Marion, Father Henry C. Brokmeier, Brothers Gary (Carol) and Karl Brokmeier, Daughters, Shawn Brokmeier, Gina (Matt) Contini, Tracie (Tim) Macaluso, Cissy (Clint) Pierce and Jamie Randolph, 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

We will be celebrating Russell's life on Saturday January 25th at

102 Carre Court, Bay St. Louis, MS from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

• **FROZEN**
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we get one or two or three."

Although all area schools closed through the end of the week, and all non-essential county and city offices closed through last Thursday, Adam said, "I think everybody handled the situation very well, I thought the schools made great decisions, and the county and the cities made great decisions."

Adam said the EOC stayed in constant communication with the weather agencies and the local school and government personnel to keep everyone informed.

He said there were a few minor road accidents reported, but "nothing major that I was made aware of.… Any time you have ice or snow, it's a very dangerous situation and we always encourage people to stay indoors as long as they can. Safety first, i always preach. Safety first."

The Mississippi Department of Transportation came under some fire on social media, since there didn't seem to be any snow plows working in Hancock County, but agency officials said on they were "very proud of our response to this once-in-a-generation winter weather event. We did pretreat roads ahead of this storm and respond with materials and snowplows to treat and clear roads during the impacts. I-10 on the coast is closed in a lot of other areas that were similarly hit with snow and ice, but we've worked to keep it open as much as possible while prioritizing the safety of Mississippians. The same can be said for much of the major travel arteries in south Mississippi. … Our partners in law enforcement were out monitoring conditions and assisting with traffic control in dangerous conditions, as well.

"Our Mississippi Gulf Coast doesn't normally see this type of weather, but our MDOT first responders and crews, along with local partners in law enforcement and emergency response, all worked tirelessly for the public this week, and we are proud of what we've been able to accomplish."

• **BLAZE**
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partment," Strong said. "We had about 15 firefighters on scene, with three engines and a ladder truck. … We started to encounter some heavy fire from the interior of house, so we had to start defending exposures."

The recently-renovated home at 127 Ulman Ave. was built in the 1880s. The homeowners were later identified as Jerry and Sandi Graham Favre. Jerry Favre was home at the time, and the Favres' Labrador retrievers alerted him to the blaze, officials said.

"Today, we lost our beloved home on Ulman and Second in Bay St Louis to a house fire," Sandi Graham Favre said on social media last week. "We were so blessed and I am so thankful that my husband escaped before part of the house fell in with our two dogs. Our sweet cat, Lacey, is missing. If you see her, can you please message me? She is an inside cat and I'm so worried about her and hoping she is still alive. We cannot thank the fire fighters, neighbors and our family enough for their bravery and for caring so much."

Strong said the cause of the fire has not yet been determined, but the Hancock County Fire Marshal's office was at the scene and a full report should be released later.

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre Reschedules Show Dates "Agnes of God"

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre presents its season show "Agnes of God" by John Pielmeier. It is a taut, compelling show. The show was a Broadway and motion picture hit. The show won Tony awards and was nominated for three Academy Awards. The show opens on January 31, 2025. "Riveting, powerful, electrifying drama - the dialogue crackles." -NY Daily.

A court-appointed psychiatrist is charged with assessing the sanity of a novice accused of murdering her newborn. The Mother Superior tries to keep the novice away from the psychiatrist which raises further suspicions around the investigation. The plot raises many questions leading to a dramatic ending.

The cast includes Nancy Moynan, Shannon Wooten-Cole, and Cheryl Grace. It is directed by Gary Taylor. Lights and sound is managed by Michael Schultz and Kiernan Marrero.

Show dates and times are January 31, February 1,7 and 8 at 8pm, and February 2 and 8 at 2pm.

The Little Theatre is taking reservations now. Reservations can be made online at www.bsllt.org or by calling 228-467-9024.

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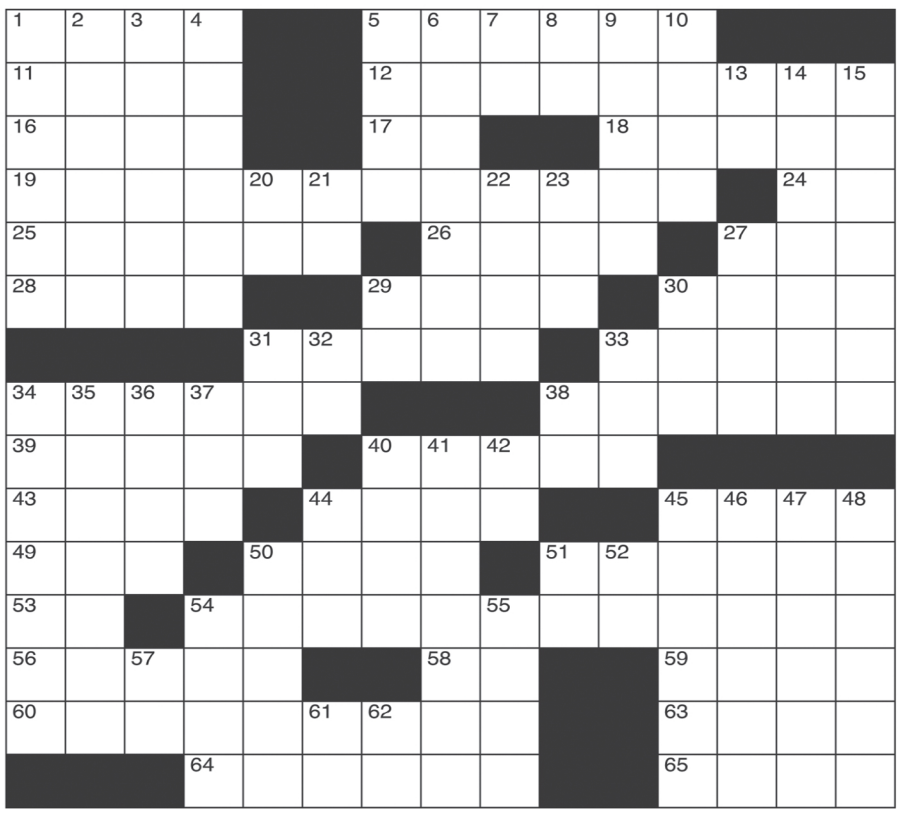

CLUES ACROSS

1. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
5. Highly impressed
11. Pronoun to identify something specific
12. Uttered in an impassioned way
16. Outfits
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Stewed game casserole
19. Indignities inflicted on others
24. Blood type
25. Says beneath one's breath
26. Taxis
27. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
28. NFL great Randy
29. Where college students live
30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin
31. Condiment
33. -frutti
34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit of distance
39. Romanian village
40. Bears first overall pick Williams
43. Irritated
44. Clothing for sale has them
45. One-time world power
49. When you anticipate arriving
50. Farm building
51. Organize thoughtfully
53. Detective
54. One who reduces
56. Nursemaids
58. Partner to "Pa"
59. World's longest river
60. Commemorates
63. Compound
64. The Lannisters and Starks fought for one
65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Open-roofed entrance
2. Japanese religion
3. Dancer's garments
4. Distributes
5. Yemeni port
6. Spanish doctors
7. It cools your house
8. Engine variant
9. Makes more manageable
10. Days (Spanish)
13. Milliliter
14. Spread out from
15. With two replaceable hydrogen atoms
20. Respectful title for a man
21. Equally
22. Scarlett's home
23. Big Blue
27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central European river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy
33. Bar bill
34. Football equipment
35. Dance music
36. Russian river
37. Mary __, cosmetics
38. Gym class
40. Autos
41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
42. Defeats (abbr.)
44. A way to color
45. Planet
46. Form of humor
47. Taken without permission
48. Go over again
50. Auto parts manufacturer
51. Detective's source
52. Home of the Flyers
54. Short official note
55. Emit coherent radiation
57. In the year of Our Lord
61. Atomic #18
62. Not from, but…

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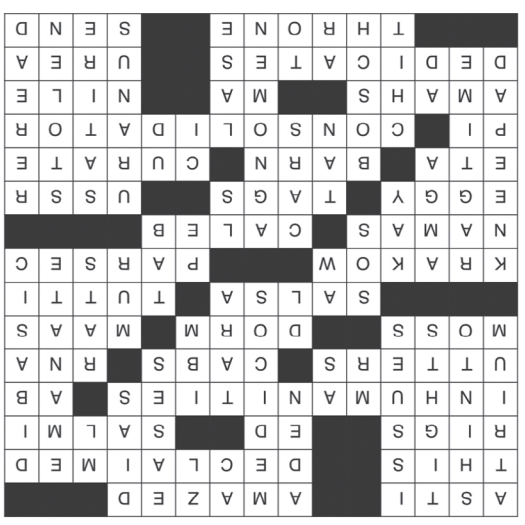

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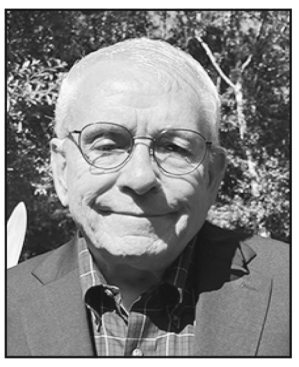
Receiving and Offering Help

By REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

The month of January has brought several challenging and important events. We began a new year. We watched in dismay as a tragic act of terror took place in New Orleans in the early morning hours of New Year's Day. Many lives were lost and several more were seriously injured. We have witnessed devastating wild fires in California causing unimaginable loss to hundreds of families. As of this writing, the fires continue to rage and losses mount. We watched as a new president of the United States was sworn into office. We remembered the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We said goodbye to a former president who devoted his life after the White House to helping others in numerous ways. All the while, most of us have continued the living of our lives, emerging from the holidays, sending our students back to school, establishing our work for the new year, experiencing the worst storm in recent history, and anticipating the opportunities and challenges which will define 2025. While there have been moments of joy, there has been significant sadness and anxiety as well. Many of us have wondered how we might have an impact for good amid the intensity of these days.

My colleague Cassandra Favre recently wrote an excellent piece which recalled the work of Fred Rogers of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" fame. My own children loved his television program. His advice that we "Look for the helpers" is still good counsel. Any time there are tragic situations in our world, there are also people who rush to the scene to offer assistance. Some of them are police officers. Some are fire fighters. Some offer emergency response as they strive to offer medical help or other assistance. In addition, numerous private citizens, church and civic groups and others try to meet the needs of impacted people by giving of their personal time, skill, or financial resources in efforts to bring healing. Of course, many times we pray, and sometimes, we put feet to our prayers through the efforts that we make to bring help and hope to those who are hurting. All of this is part of our spirituality.

Those of us who live in or near the Gulf Coast are all too familiar with disasters. Many of us remember Hurricane Katrina and the pain which it brought. We also remember the numerous people who came to the aid of this region. Hundreds of them came in person. Hundreds more offered financial assistance. The outpouring of love and care during that time is still spoken of today.

The human journey has multiple components. At times we are able to help people. At other times we find ourselves in need of help from others. We can be both givers as well as receivers. It is all a part of reaching the fullness of our potential.

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LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF CARLTON E. KELLEY, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-645-CB

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF CARLTON E. KELLEY, JR., DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Alanna K. Greco, Administratrix of the Estate of Carlton E. Kelley, Jr., deceased, seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of Carlton E. Kelley, Jr., deceased. The Defendants other than you in this action are Carma K. Knight and Tiffany E. Kelley, who along with Alanna K. Greco are alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2025, in Chancery Courtroom 4 at the Harrison County Courthouse, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 7th day of January, 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk
By: s/Cassie Tribble, D.C.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: ESTATE OF CARLTON E. KELLEY, JR., DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-645-CB
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 6th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Carlton E. Kelley, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court to have the same probated and registered according to law within 90 days after the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.
This the 6th day of January, A.D., 2025.
s/ALANNA K. GRECO, ADMINISTRATRIX
Caroline E. Haas, MS Bar No. 104525
Haas & Haas, Attorneys at Law
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CEMORE MICHAEL ABNEY III PLAINTIFF

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 24-0466-CB

CHRISTOPHER M. RUSSELL; GLORIA WINTERS; THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SAID INDIVIDUALS AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2013, VIZ: 21 BLK 3 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 1 UNIT 4, PARCEL NO.: 067F-I-26-167.000, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

AMENDED SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: 1. CHRISTOPHER M. RUSSELL; GLORIA WINTERS; THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SAID INDIVIDUALS; ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES, REAL OR CORPORATE, HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2013, VIZ: 21 BLK 3 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 1 UNIT 4, PARCEL NO.: 067F-I-26-167.000, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

You have been made a Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff, Cemore Michael Abney III, seeking to confirm his title to the property described above, acquired from a tax on AUGUST 26, 2013, VIZ: 21 BLK 3 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 1 UNIT 4,
PARCEL NO.: 067F-I-26-167.000, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to DAVID PILGER, Attorney for the Plaintiff whose address is 1406 Bienville Blvd., Suite 101, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, 39564.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2025, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the Seal of said Court, this the 17th day of January, 2025.

Tiffany Cowman, Chancery Clerk
152 Main Street, Suite A
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BY: Bridgette Ladner, D.C.

PUBLISH: 1/23/25, 1/30/25 and 2/6/2025

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2006, executed by DALE J MILLER and JENNIFER A. KIRKLAND conveying certain real property therein described to RECON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns., Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded October 4, 2006, in Deed Book 2006, Page 48464; and
WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust VIII-C; and
WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and
NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on February 27, 2025 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the front door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:

LOT 5, PELICAN ISLE SUBDIVISION, AS PER THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 17139 FENTON DEDEAUX ROAD, KILN, MS 39556. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO 24-264
MARY L. BRAKEBILL
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY L. BRAKEBILL DECEASED
You have been made a Defendant in a Petition filed in this Court filed by Crystal Flickinger, seeking to establish the heirs at law, of MARY L. BRAKEBILL.
You are summoned to appear at a hearing, before Judge Jim Persons , and assert your heirship in the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, First Judicial District located at 1801 23rd Ave. in Gulfport, Mississippi, at 9:00 o?clock a.m. on February 19, 2025.
In the event that you fail to appear, you will be excluded as an heir at law of Mary L. Brakebill in a judgment determining her heirs. Consequently, you will be precluded from making any claim against her estate.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire.
You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 1o th day of January 2025.
TIFFANY COWMAN, CHANCERY CLERK
Publication Dates:
1/16/25
1/23/25
1/30/25

INVITATION FOR BIDS
FOREST PRODUCTS FOR SALE ON HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LANDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County Board of Education at the School District Office, 18375, Hwy 603 Kiln, MS 39556 up to and not later than 10:00 A.M. February 18th, 2025, for the purchase on a per-ton basis for all timber, standing or down, designated for harvesting in Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi. Each bidder is expected to make their own cruise and to bid accordingly.

Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from James Shumpert, Assistant Regional Forester, 477 Southgate Hattiesburg MS, 39402 telephone number (601) 528-4873. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

The sale consists of a + 114 acre pay- as- cut final harvest on a ¬+40 year old natural pine stand. The stand has an average merchantable height of 30 feet and an average DBH of 10.2 inches. At present the average basal area is 115.8 square feet per acre. Bids will be on a per ton basis for the following products: pine pulpwood, pine chip-n-saw, pine poles, pine sawtimber, hardwood pulpwood, and hardwood sawtimber.

Publication Dates:

January 23, 2025
January 30, 2025
February 6, 2025
February 13, 2025

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2014, Gerald Floyd Hemphill and Adrienne M. Hemphill executed a certain deed of trust to J. Morton Matrick, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Urban Financial of America, LLC, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2015 at Page 366; and

WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated November 21, 2024 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2024, Page 26925; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Finance of America Reverse LLC, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on February 12, 2025 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the front door of the County Courthouse at 152 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOT 38, SQUARE 28, SHORELINE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 5, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PARCEL ID:135R-0-46-029.00

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

LOGS Legal Group LLP
1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202
Flowood, MS 39232
(601) 981-9299
458 Skyline Drive
Bay St Louis, MS 39520
23-029859

Publication Dates:
December 26, 2024, January 16, 2025, January 23, 2025 and January 30, 2025, February 06, 2025

Request for HHWD Collection Proposals Legal Notice

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is co-sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day proposed for the Spring of 2025. The Board is seeking proposals from qualified Contractors to provide for the proper handling, transportation, and disposal of hazardous wastes from households. The State of Mississippi is providing grant funds to the County through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Qualitys Solid Waste Assistance Program for the handling, transportation, and disposal of waste.

Specifications regarding the program description, proposal format, proposal evaluation criteria, contractor responsibilities, bid conditions, etc are available to interested contractors upon request. Please contact Ms. Brittney Johnson at the Hancock County Board of Supervisors office at 228-395-1506.

Proposals must be sealed and properly labeled and should be delivered by mail or electronically to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors 854 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520, or Brittney.Johnson@-co.hancock.ms.us. Attention: Brittney Johnson, on or before 10:00 a.m., February 18, 2025.

January 30, 2025, and February 6, 2025.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on February 14, 2023, JAMESON R. CARMICHAEL, MARRIED executed a deed of trust for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for NEWREZ LLC, its successors and assigns, which deed of trust was recorded on February 22, 2023, in Book 2023, Page 3097 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded Book 2024, Page 8436 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County, Mississippi.WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on July 15, 2024, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2024, Page 15516, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; andWHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing-has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee?s fees and expenses of sale;THEREFORE, on February 20, 2025, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:LOT 154, DEER PARK SUBDIVISION, PHASE III, AS PER MAP OR PLAT ON FILE IN THE HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE.ALSO: ONE (1) 2006 SUNSHINE HOMES 16 X 76 MOBILE HOME, BEARING SERIAL NO. AL-S-14024, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO SAID LAND.BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED UNTO JAMESON R. CARMICHAEL AND DANIELLE L. CARMICHAEL AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, BY VIRTUE OF WARRANTY DEED FROM CYNTHIA R. BENCAZ, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF CHARLES E. BENCAZ, JR., DECEASED., DATED JULY 30, 2018, RECORDED JULY 31,2018, IN BOOK: 2018 AND PAGE: 9349Parcel ID: 043T-0-06-118.000I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of January, 2025/-s-/ Robert M. Peebles, III McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLPSubstitute Trustee1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049(662) 388-5464Foreclosurehotline.net
File No.: 24-03091MSPUBLISH:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF LAURA C. GOLDMAN, SETTLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LAURA C. GOLDMAN, SETTLOR, died on January 7, 2025 and that Laurel C. Feilmeier is the successor Trustee of The Laura C. Goldman Living Trust, dated November 21, 2006, and restated and amended on August 6, 2014. Pursuant to Miss. Code § 91-8-504, all persons having claims against LAURA C. GOLDMAN, SETTLOR, are required to present their claim to the successor Trustee within ninety (90) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, as prescribed in Miss. Code § 91-8-504. Failure to present the claim within ninety (90) days will forever bar the claim. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to the successor Trustee at 105 Beverly Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

DATED this 9th day of January, 2025.

Submitted by:
Laurel C. Feilmeier, Successor Trustee

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEONA WALSH MARQUEZ, DECEASED
BY: ELENOR MARQUEZ PERNICIARO, Petitioner
NO. C23CH1:24-cv-702 JS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 9th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of LEONA WALSH MARQUEZ, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.
THIS, the 9th day of January, 2025.
ELENOR MARQUEZ PERNICIARO, Administratrix
Prepared by:
Zach Butterworth, MS Bar No. 9946
Hesse & Butterworth, PLLC
Post Office Box 3567
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
Tele: 228-255-7500
Attorney for Administratrix
Publish: 1-16-25, 1-23-25, 1-30-25

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF LYNN J. NAQUIN, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-690-MA

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 8th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Lynn J. Naquin, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court to have the same probated and registered according to law within 90 days after the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 8th day of January, A.D., 2025.

s/ EMILE J. NAQUIN, JR., ADMINISTRATOR

Caroline E. Haas, MS Bar No. 104525
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN RE: ESTATE OF LYNN J. NAQUIN, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-690-MA
SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF LYNN J. NAQUIN, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Emile J. Naquin, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of

Lynn J. Naquin, deceased, seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of Lynn J. Naquin, deceased. The Defendants other than you in this action are Nicole Rene Naquin and Jayme A. Moulton, who along with Emile J. Naquin, Jr. are alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2025, in Chancery Courtroom 2 at the Harrison County Courthouse, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 8th day of January, 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk
By: s/Ashley Holland, D.C.
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Publish Dates: 1/16/2025; 1/23/2025; 1/30/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LYNN LADNER, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 25-CV-00017-MA

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY LYNN LADNER
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS:

TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF Mary Lynn Ladner, and any and all persons or parties who are interested in or claim any right, title or interest as heirs-at-law of Mary Lynn Ladner, Deceased, in the estate including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law of Mary Lynn Ladner, if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and whose places of residence, post offices, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same. You have been made Defendants in the estate proceeding in the Court by Lori L. Treitler and Clarence Joseph Ladner, III, in the Petition to Determine Heirs.

IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge Alfonso of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, at a Court to be held at the Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi thereof on the 12th day of March 2025, 9:00 a.m., next, then and there to show cause, if any they can why Lori L. Treitler and Clarence Joseph Ladner, III should not be declared by the Court to be the heirs-at-law of Mary Lynn Ladner; and that the following persons are interested parties to this Petition as best can be determined by the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, to wit: Lori L. Treitler and Clarence Joseph Ladner, III; and to show why they should not be declared the sole heirs-at-law of the deceased; and further to do and suffer such things as shall be considered and ordered by the Court aforesaid in the premises, and have then and there this writ, with an endorsement thereon to the manner in which you shall have served.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition/Complaint filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth hereinabove before the Honorable Judge Alfonso at the Chancery Court of Hancock County, located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire by filing it in the office of the Chancery Court of Pearl River County and sending a copy of your answer to William Cruse, 1016 Sixth Ave., STE A, Picayune, Mississippi 39466.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Hancock, Mississippi, this the day of January 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk
_____, D.C.

[SEAL]

Agenda Regular Meeting of the City of Waveland Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday, February 18, 2025
1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call
4. Chairmans Comments
5. Commissioners Comments
6. Approval of minutes from the Planning and Zoning Special Meeting held on
February 10, 2025.
7. Public Hearing for 400 Turner Street, Parcel #161C-0-01-029.000, owned by Luis F. Garfias Mesias and Lisa J. Sendra.
a. Preliminary and Final Plat Approval
b. Mr. Mesias is requesting a 2224.48 square foot lot area Variance
c. Mr. Mesias is requesting a 31.59-foot lot width Variance
8. Public Hearing 10140 Kiln Waveland Cutoff Road, Parcel #138E-0-28-213.001, owned by William Carrigee/The Wood Mill.
a. Mr. Carrigee is requesting a Variance to allow a metal façade in a Commercial Zone.
9. Public Hearing for 1113 and 1117 Waveland Avenue, Parcel #162F-1-04-088.000, owned by Brian, Lawrence and Judy Schaeffer.
a. Preliminary and Final Plat Approval
b. The Schaeffers are requesting a 12.5-foot lot width Variance for 1113 Waveland Avenue
10.Public Hearing for 515 Garden Lane, Parcel #161D-0-02-136.000, owned by Adrian Hutchison.
a. Ms. Hutchison is requesting a Temporary RV permit to temporarily occupy RV during remodel of home
11.Public Hearing for 170 Market Street, Parcel #162R-0-10-093.000, owned by Deanna Parke.
a. Ms. Parke is requesting a 12-foot rear yard setback Variance
12.Public Hearing for 255 Farrar Lane, Parcel #162J-0-10-135.000, owned by Suzanne Swanson.
a. Ms. Swanson is requesting a Variance for a 5-foot-tall fence across front of property
13.Public Hearing for Proposed 1225 and 1227 Taranto Street, Parcel #162L-1-09-005.000, owned by Mark and Buffie Kidd.
a. Preliminary and Final Plat Approval
b. The Kidds are requesting a 39.5-foot lot width Variance per lot for Proposed 1225 and Proposed 1227 Taranto Street
14.Public Hearing for 2200 McLaurin Street, Parcel #137M-2-35-049.000, owned by 2200 McLaurin, LLC. Henry Martinez is the Trustee.
a. Preliminary and Final Plat Approval
15.Motion to Adjourn

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520, on the application of the Bayou Caddy Memorial VFW Post 4808 for a special exception and site plan approval for a power pole for range and advertisement sign. The property is located at 7316 Lower Bay Road, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, 39520. The property is zoned A-1 Agricultural. All persons are hereby notified to attend and take such part as they deem appropriate.

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hancock
WHEREAS, on the 30th day of March, 2023, Rufus L. Palmer, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 5996; and
WHEREAS, on the 19th day of December, 2024, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as beneficiary, as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, assigned said Deed of Trust unto Nationstar Mortgage LLC, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2025 at Page 209; and
WHEREAS, on the 8th day of January, 2025 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2025 at Page 994; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 20th day of February, 2025, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
Lot 13, Square 323, Bayside Park Subdivision, Unit 4 a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 3, at Page 47.
I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 23rd day of January 2025.
Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020
jeh/F24-0574
PUBLISH: 1.30.25 / 2.6.25 / 2.13.25

National Oceans Applications Research Center (NOARC)
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
ABSTRACT
Electronic Statements of Qualifications will be received by NOARC at qhouchin@noarc.org
until 5:00 PM CST, Monday, February 17, 2025.
SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY
The National Oceans Applications Research Center (NOARC) invites interested organizations to submit statements of qualifications to collaborate on developing, integrating, and testing a Situational Awareness and Training System (SATS) to support both aerial and maritime unmanned systems applications research. The system concept addresses mission operations planning, first-person operations of unmanned systems, testing and evaluating new systems, and hands-on student instruction. The envisioned capability supports testing new precision environmental monitoring and analysis technologies enabled by unmanned systems. These are currently being tested under the auspices of the NOARC Commercial Proving Ground for Space to Seafloor Environmental Monitoring project.
Interested parties should submit their qualifications and should provide the name of the primary point of contact (POC) for this effort. In addition, if different from the POC, provide the contact information for the person responsible for daily activities to implement the scope of work if selected.
Additional information regarding the scope of work for this RFQ may also be viewed utilizing the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) website at https://msapexaccelerator.org.
Any contract awarded under this solicitation may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the Department of the Treasury and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of said funding award, the RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the RESTORE Act, 33 U. S. C. 1321(t), Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200 (including Appendix II to Part 200), and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, the United States, or any of its departments, agencies or employees is not and will not be a party to this solicitation or any resulting contract.
Minority and womens business enterprises are solicited to submit a statement of qualifications and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities. When subcontracting, all potential contractors must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises. See 2. C. F. R. §200.321.
Any contract awarded must comply with the Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise contracting requirements outlined in Attachment B to this solicitation. MBE and/or WBE individuals/firms are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.
Proposals are being requested in accordance with Item (b)(2) of 2 C. F. R. §200.320 Methods of procurement.

If you have any questions concerning the RFQ, please call: Quinn Houchin; 601.569.6029

Substituted Trustee's Notice Of Sale
Whereas, on 3/15/2019, Stanley J. Hamilton, Unmarried, executed a certain deed of trust to Don McLemore, Trustee, for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC., its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2019, Page 5960; and Whereas, said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned Freedom Mortgage Corporation and recorded 10/21/2024 in Book 2024, Page 24106; and Whereas, Freedom Mortgage Corporation has heretofore substituted Nestor Solutions, LLC, as Trustee by Instrument recorded on 12/17/2024 in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2024, Page 28887 and Whereas, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. Now, Therefore, Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on 2/26/2025 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, located at Front Door of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: All that parcel of land, in the County of Hancock and State of Mississippi as more fully described in Deed Book AA86, page 260 and Parcel # 162A-0-03-003.001, being known and designated as: Lots North Half of 40, All of 41 and 42, and South Half of 43, Gulfside Sites Subdivision, as per plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, by James Norton Haas, Jr., C.E., and recorded in Plat Book #2, page 51, on June 4, 1960. We Will Convey only such title as vested in us as Substituted Trustee. Witness My Signature on this 31st day of December, 2024. /s/ Sylvia Weiss, its Sr. Trustee Sale Officer Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntington Beach, CA 92648 TS #2024-12057-MS Publication Dates: 1/30/2025 2/6/2025 2/13/2025 2/20/2025

SECTION 00090
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

STENNIS TECH PARK PHASE II SITE PREP
Project No. AP2303
HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION

Electronic or sealed Bids for construction of STENNIS TECH PARK PHASE II SITE PREP--Project No. AP2303 will be received by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, located at 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi 39556, until 2:00 P.M., Local Time, February 25th, 2025, then bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned.

All bids must be addressed to the HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION of Hancock County, Mississippi; marked SEALED BID TO OPENED AT 2:00 P.M., February 25th, 2025, and specify the name of the bid project. If bid is submitted by mail, the address of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS 39556. If bid is hand-delivered, the street address of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS 39556.

When bids are submitted electronically, the same requirements for submitting sealed bids shall apply. Electronic bids shall be submitted online at www.portairspacework.com and shall include a document on the first page stating the same language required on the face of the sealed envelope.

A pre-bid meeting for this project will be held on Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., Local Time at the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, located at 14054 Fred and Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi 39556. All perspective Bidders are invited to attend.

The project generally consists of:

Site development at Phase II of Stennis Tech Park, located to the east of Fred and Al Key Road and south of Stennis Airport Road. Work includes site clearing and grubbing; fill; grading; drainage; parking lots; water & sewer service tie ins; and stone access roads.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment, and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The Contractor will commence the work required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within 10 calendar days after the date of the NOTICE TO PROCEED and Final Completion of the project will be obtained within 180 working days of the NOTICE TO PROCEED date unless the period for completion is extended otherwise by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Bidder must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Contractors submitting a written sealed bid must write their current Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing their Bid as well as on their Bid. If the Bid is being submitted electronically through the Online Plan Room, the Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number must be included on the cover page and profile of the electronic bid submittal.

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate, sealed and deposited with the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw its bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each Bidder must deposit with his proposal, a Bid Bond in an amount equal to 5% (five) percent of its bid, payable to the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, as bid security. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount.

Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, Instructions to Bidders and Bidders Proposal forms are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi. Bid documents are being made available via paper or digital copy. All interested bidders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.portairspacework.com to view and order Bid Documents. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through this website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders should be directed to Plan House Printing at (228) 248-0181. Any questions that bidders might have should be directed to Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 3036 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 to the attention of Alex Davis or via email at alex.davis@neel-schaffer.com.

Minority and womens business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, materials and/or supply needs.

Any contract awarded under this Invitation for Bids may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act).

Minority and womens business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.

All bidders must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

By:
Blaine LaFontaine, Executive Director/CEO
Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission

DATES OF PUBLICATION:
January 23, 2025
January 30, 2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILBUR JOSEPH NECAISE, DECEASED

NO. 24-677 (JP)

CHERYL A. NECAISE
ADMINISTRATRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration for the Estate of Wilbur Joseph Necaise, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 23rd day of December, 2024, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar this claim.

THIS the 6th day of January, 2025.

CHERYL A. NECAISE
Administratrix

BY: /s/ Timothy L. Murr
TIMOTHY L. MURR (MSB# 3682)
Wise Carter Child & Caraway, P.A.
2510 14th Street, Suite 1125
Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 867-7141

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136 Automobile

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold on Feb. 7th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at the location below:
A&A Autobody & Paint LLC
1707 Firetower Rd
Kiln, MS 39556

2011 KIA SORENTO
VIN# 5XYKT3A1513G106529
2003 HYUNDAI TIBURON
VIN# KMHHN65F03U102363
2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA
VIN# 2G1WT57KX91167854
2006 TOYOTA TUNDRA
VIN# 5TBET34146S554464

01/23 ; 01/30; 02/06/2025

Screening of "The Gulfside Assembly Story" this Sunday

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

A private screening of "The Gulfside Assembly Story" will be held at The 100 Men Hall, 303 Union St., Bay St. Louis on Feb. 2. It is an award-winning documentary presenting the history of Gulfside Assembly and its visionary leader. It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. General admission tickets are $20. Panel discussion and reception to follow. Sales support the mission of Gulfside Assembly.

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NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:
TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

RED
1979 CHEVY CORVETTE
VIN# 1Z87895443633

01/23, 01/30/2025

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:
TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

WHITE
2007 DODGE CHARGER
VIN# 2B3KA43RX7H763237

01/30, 02/06/2025

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicle will be sold on Feb. 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. 30 days after the first publication:
Unlimited Towing & Collision Center LLC
16108 Rd 509, PO Box 716
Kiln, MS 39556
(228)-586-5465

2021 NISSSAN ROGUE
VIN# 5N1AT3AA4MC679923
2006 HYUNDAI SONATA
VIN# 5NPEU46FX6H049165
2003 BUICK CENTURY
VIN# 2G4WS52J731207271
2007 MERCEDES BENZ
VIN# 4JGBB86E37A292201
2018 KIA FORTE
VIN# 3KPFK4A73JE246444

01/30, 02/06/2025

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicle will be sold on Friday, Feb. 14th, 2025 at 10:00AM at the following location:
Dinkey's Auto Repair & Towing
4105 13th Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-305-0711

2000 FORD CROWN VICTORIA
VIN# 2FAFP71W1YX188628
2003 HYUNDAI ACCENT
VIN# KMHCG35C034266253
2020 TOYOTA CAROLLA
VIN# JTNC4RBE8L3097767
2017 FORD FOCUS
VIN# 1FADP3F21HL264643

01/23, 01/30/2025

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TRADING PLACES

PHOTOS BY SONNY SCHINDLER

(left) **Capt Josh Ellis with a Bull red he tagged and released in the Marsh.** (middle) **Capt Sonny Schindler with a bull red he tagged and released in the marsh.** (right) **Capt Sonny with a puppy drum he caught and released to be caught another day .**

BY SONNY SCHINDLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It is not very often that we guides get a pretty day off from charter fishing. It is almost never that we get to spend our day off, fishing with another charter guide. Due to a last minute scheduling conflict, and a little luck, I was able to spend a wonderful day on the water with my friend and fellow guide Captain Josh Ellis(Old Bay Outfitters).

It was a chilly start, but we had very calm seas. Josh and I wanted to check a few spots that we haven't been able to get to, down south in the marsh. The combination of strong winds and chilly temperatures have prevented long runs recently.

I'm not gonna lie, it is just weird fishing with another guide. We all have a certain way of doing things, and a certain way of organizing our boats. Neither of us is right or wrong, it's just an odd feeling, fishing on someone else's boat. Josh is several years younger than me, but since we both refuse to grow up we always have a great time together. We have had a lot fun fishing along side each other the past several years.

We wanted to check some deeper water reefs for Sheepshead. The cooler water has definitely moved them around, as it took us four or five repositions to dial the fish in. Once we located a good school of fish, we put our live shrimp to work and got dinner covered.

From there, we wanted to check out some deeper bayous in the marsh for some redfish, and hopefully some trout. Happy to report, the redfish did not seem much affected by the colder water. Captain Josh only wanted two fish to keep, and I was just as happy tagging and releasing the other red fish we caught. We also found several more Sheepshead , and a good mess of puppy drum that were also all released. We did not see a single speckled trout, but the other species kept us busy and entertained.

The most fun of our day together was sharing stories about charter fishing, our families, mutual friends and our days at Saint Stanislaus.

Even though the fishing was very good; sharing stories with each other was just as entertaining.

Our six or so hours together flew by. We had a calm ride home and had plenty of fish for dinner. We traded

a few spots, tactics and plenty of stories. It was a great day.

HANCOCK SWEEPS LONG BEACH ON HARDWOOD

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The wintry mix of weather last week suspended school all week for area schools which ultimately suspended some athletic games. Despite the snowy weather, some games were able to be played later in the week.

The Bay High Tigers split a pair of games with the Pass Christian Pirates on Tuesday evening. The Lady Tigers (17-8) beat the Lady Pirates 37-17.

Emmalee Coote scored 21 points and Asiah Thompson scored 8 points to lead Bay High.

Bay High head coach Kelton Thompson stated, "We played flat and with no fire. We are a better team than what we showed. We did some good things but we have to do them more consistently."

The Tigers (10-14) fell to Pass Christian 49-17.

The Pirates jumped out to a 13-1 lead in the first period as they cruised to the win.

Jaxon Meranto led the Tigers with 8 points.

Thompson commented, "We played uninspired basketball tonight. I am disappointed in the effort this evening."

The Lady Tigers dropped a close game to Moss Point 38-34 while the score from the boys game was not available.

The Hancock Hawks swept a pair of games with Long Beach last week.

The Lady Hawks (22-2) jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first period as they cruised to a 62-21 victory.

Hancock head coach Jamie Sisco stated, "I am proud of how we played after being out of the gym for four days. This is a veteran team and a change in the schedule should not bother them. That is what we saw tonight."

Talana Bond led Hancock with 18 points followed by Anslee James with 15 points.

In the boys' game, the Hawks (11-13) jumped out to a 22-7 lead in the first period as they also cruised to a 59-26 victory.

Hancock head coach Connor Entriken commented, "I was impressed with how we set the tone early in the game. That was key for us being out for four days. We challenged the team to be aggressive and physical which is what they were tonight."

Jaxson Knight led the Hawks with 15 points followed by Kaison Koennen with 13 points while Lee added 10 points.

OLA (15-5) dropped their game with Tylertown on the road 46-39. Taylor Henley scored 14 points and grabbed 20 rebounds while Valentina Mossy added 10 points.

The Saint Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws(14-6) beat Tylertown 38-28 but scoring details were not available.

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SNOWY WEATHER SUSPENDS MOST OF SOCCER ACTION LAST WEEK

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The wintry weather put a damper on soccer last week postponing several games.

Bay High (14-3-1) beat Poplarville 5-1 with Erik Booth scoring twice to secure a division title for the Tigers and a top seed in the playoffs.

The Lady Tigers (11-5-4) beat Poplarville 2-1 with Mackenzie Graham scoring the go-ahead goal.

Saint Stanislaus (13-1-1) beat Sacred Heart 2-1 on Monday evening behind goals from Colin Lyons and Ethan Cuevas. Last week the Rocks beat Hancock (7-10-1) 1-0.

The Lady Hawks (9-8) beat Pascagoula 3-2.

Playoffs have been pushed back a full week due to the weather postponement last week.

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as equipment and repair needs."

Lamy said that Pearlington's rates are in line with other districts in the county.

"There's much research needed before talks of consolidation should continue," Lamy said. "We aren't opposed to consolidation, we just want fair consolidation, and we will happily endorse a study of all the members of HCUA."

District 1 Supervisor Donald Wayne Graham said that, in his opinion, it's not the board's intention to "shove this down their throat."

"The intention was to let y'all know what we intend to do," he said. "We're trying to find out if a consolidation is best for the community."

County Administrator Jimmie Ladner, who made the presentation to the Pearlington Water and Sewer Board on Jan. 15, said he was not telling the board to take the vote that day, but rather, under current statute, that's the only way that board would be dissolved or the legislature would have to change the statute.

Ladner said they presented the idea of the board paying for a feasibility study on whether or not to consolidate.

He said that when the district was conceptualized there would be a need for between 800 and 900 customers to sustain.

"Currently, the numbers of the customer base range from 550 to 650," he said. "Regardless of who you're talking to, it's substantially lower than the original estimates. What Supervisor Graham is offering is to pay for a study to see if it's feasible to keep the district."

Ladner said "there was never an offer to just dissolve."

Lamy said that's not how a "lot" of the residents took it.

"This board has been persecuted," he said. "And this has added a little more wood to the fire, so to speak. A lot of our residents, and we're trying to get our message out, that hey, we are doing pretty good, we can sustain it."

Lamy said he knows a feasibility study will show redundancy.

"That's why we don't want to be consolidated with HCUA," he said. "We don't mind consolidating, but everybody needs to be."

Board President Scotty Adam, said that regardless of what the feasibility study shows, the matter of consolidation would still have to be determined by the Pearlington Water and Sewer District board.

Lamy said that would put more pressure on the board.

"We don't want to lose a vote for Pearlington residents," he said. "We are looking to the future and we have done a good job the past 13 years controlling costs. The 20 percent inflation, I don't know another business out there that hasn't raised rates in 13 years."

Adam said that the district is "required by law to charge a fee that covers the costs of operating that system."

Lamy said, "we were only in the red just these last couple of years and so that's why we had to make the change."

"The majority of those 13 years, we were doing fine," he said. "Those other entities have higher rates than Pearlington and that's just some of the facts that I wanted y'all to know."

Ladner said, for the record, "I've always been in favor of consolidation of utility authorities, I think it's crazy for Hancock County to have as many as we do with a population of 50,000."

Ladner said we have to start some place.

"I think this board (Pearlington Water and Sewer District) has done their job to the best of their ability," Ladner said. "I also believe that when we look at something that said, conceptually we needed something like 900 customers for it to be sustainable long-term, I think we're looking at more than the rate increase that just happened. We've got to look at what's going to be out five years from now and how it's going to be sustainable then."

Ladner, who said he grew up between Ansley and Pearlington, added that "it gives me no great pleasure in saying that I don't believe that area of the county is going to grow. I don't see any quick solution to this from a customer base. But, I think everybody that speaks in reality knows that the customer base that we have there, is pretty much the customer base that we're going to have at least for the short term, foreseeable future, and probably deep into the long-term future of that part of our county."

Later in the meeting, the board approved a motion 4 to 1, authorizing Neel-Schaffer to conduct a feasibility study, not to exceed $25,000, on combining the Pearlington Water and Sewer District.

Adam voted "no," and stated his reasoning, "because we don't have authority to make it happen, not because I don't think everything should be consolidated, because I think the whole thing should be consolidated, but, under current statute, we don't have the authority to make y'all do this. That's the only reason I don't want to spend the money."

In a separate matter, the board approved a letter asking for assistance from Mississippi Congress, Senators and Representatives regarding the $5.9 billion flood protection plan approved for St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

The letter states "The Hancock County Board of Supervisors respectfully ask for your attention and action to do what you can to help prevent the commencement of the recently approved $5.9 billion flood protection plan for St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. This flood protection levee project will destroy the lands, economy, and ecosystem of south west Mississippi."

With that letter, the board included a resolution from Dec. 4, 2023, requesting that "Mississippi's state and federal legislators oppose any Louisiana levees that do not provide sufficient studies or scientific information demonstrating no adverse impacts on Mississippi."

According to former Fox 8 Live coverage, at the Jan. 15 meeting of the St. Tammany Levee Drainage and Conservation, Parish President Mike Cooper announced the project's authorization.

The authorization, according to the article, "allows the Army Corps of Engineers to do preliminary studies and work on the proposed projects like levees, a 3.5 mile flood wall in Slidell, eight new pump stations, and more."

VP of MSMM Engineering Mark Wingate, stated in the article, "It provides 18 miles of levees and that's significant for Slidell, and in addition, there is a parish-wide initiative that will raise nearly six thousand structures."

Ladner said, that he spoke with Congressman Mike Ezell's office who told him that "the $3.5 million portion of that study would include the effects on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, but we need to be vigilant about it and watch it. They were assured by corps, I'm not talking about the levee that was approved, but that second portion of it that had the study, would include us."

In other action:

The board approved a motion to hire Gregory Long as the new director for the Hancock County Animal Shelter. The board also approved transferring Shane Wyman, former director of the animal shelter, to the planning and zoning office, effective Jan. 20.

The board reappointed Steve Hathorn to the Hancock County Water and District for a five year term, ending on June 20, 2029.

The board reappointed Timothy J. Cameron to the Kiln Utility and Fire District Board of Commissioners. His term will expired on Dec. 31, 2020.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3 at 9 a.m.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JAXSON KNIGHT
HANCOCK

EMMALEE COOTE
BAY HIGH

ERIK BOOTH
BAY HIGH

MACKENZIE GRAHAM
BAY HIGH

BASKETBALL
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Basketball Player of the Week is Hancock's Jaxson Knight. Last week K ight scored 15 points and had 3 rebounds and 2 steals in a 62-21 victory over Long Beach and tallied 13 points, 5 rebounds, and a steal in a loss to Picayune.

The girls' Basketball Player of the Week is Bay High's Emmalee Coote. She scored 14 points and had 8 rebounds in a 37-17 victory over Pass Christian last week.

SOCCER
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Soccer Player of the Week is Bay High's Erik Booth. Last week Booth scored two goals in a 5-1 victory over Poplarville that secured a division title for the Tigers.

The girls' Soccer Player of the Week is Bay High's Mackenzie Graham. Last week Graham scored the go-ahead goal against Poplarville in a 2-1 win.

sports SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 1-30-25
- **Basketball:** Bay High at Poplarville, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Hancock vs Harrison Central, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 1-31-25
- **Basketball:** Our Lady Academy vs Tylertown, 5:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus vs Tylertown, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 2-1-25
- **Soccer:** Bay High 1st Round Class 4A state playoffs boys/girls, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Hancock 1st Round Class 6A boys/girls state playoffs, TBD.
- **Soccer:** OLA 1st Round Class I state playoffs, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus vs Magee 1st Round Class I state playoffs, TBD.

MONDAY 2-3-25
- **Basketball:** Region 8-4A basketball tournament (Bay High) at Greene County, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Region 8-6A basketball tournament at Hancock, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Region 8-3A basketball tournament (OLA/SSC) at Tylertown, TBD.

TUESDAY 2-4-25
- **Basketball:** Region 8-4A basketball tournament (Bay High) at Greene County, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Region 8-6A basketball tournament at Hancock, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Region 8-3A basketball tournament (OLA/SSC), at Tylertown, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Bay High 2nd Round Class 4A state playoffs boys/girls, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Hancock 2nd Round Class 6A state playoffs boys/girls, TBD.
- **Soccer:** OLA 2nd Round Class I state playoffs, TBD.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus 2nd Round Class I state playoffs, TBD.

MARDI GRAS
2025
THE SEA COAST ECHO SPECIAL EDITION

2025 HANCOCK CO. PARADE SCHEDULE

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

It's time to laissez les bon temps rouler — Carnival Season is officially under way in Hancock County.

This year, Fat Tuesday is scheduled for March 4.

Hancock County has always had its own distinctive ways to observe the Carnival season, with several different Mardi Gtas krewes with their own traditions and parades.

The Krewe of CASA hosted its 13th annual Mardi Gras Gala fundraiser this past weekend at Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast in Bay St. Louis. This year's theme was "Light Up the Night."

The Raw Oysters Marching Club performs during last year's Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse parade in Bay St. Louis.

The Krewe of Kids in Bay St. Louis will kick off the parade season in Hancock County, with their annual march at Dunbar Avenue, beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The krewe is still looking for its 2025 king and queen. The titles are open to those ages 5-12 — just send your child's information to Krewe of Kids Capt. Lisa Cowand at 1005 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis, 39520, by Feb. 5.

Here's a complete schedule of the rest of this year's Carnival parades in Hancock County and Pass Christian:

• The Krewe of Nereids will roll in Bay St. Louis and Waveland on Sunday, Feb. 23, beginning at noon. The Nereids Tableau Mardi Gras Ball and Supper Dance is scheduled for Feb. 8 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum.

• The Krewe of Diamondhead is celebrating its 50th year and will host its annual parade on Saturday, March 1, beginning at noon.

Jamie and Alison Kingston were crowned the krewe's 50th king and queen, respectively, at the Krewe of Diamondhead Coronation Ball on Dec. 7.

The Krewe of Selene, the Krewe of Olympus, Krewe of Kamehameha — Diamondhead Boaters Association will accompany the Krewe of Diamondhead on the route.

• The St. Paul Carnival Association Parade in Pass Christian, beginning at noon on Sunday, March 2.

• The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will host its annual Lundi Gras parade in Old Town Bay St. Louis on Monday, March 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The krewe hosted its annual Mutiny in the Bay Mardi Gras Ball from 7-11 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the Bay St. Louis Community Center.

• The Krewe of Real People will host its annual parade in downtown Bay St. Louis on Fat Tuesday, March 4, beginning at 1 p.m.

The krewe will host its Mardi Gras Ball on Feb. 22 at the Bay St. Louis Community Center.

KREWE of NEREIDS

Ladies to host 57th annual Carnival parade on Feb. 23

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The 57th annual Krewe of Nereids parade rolls beginning at noon on Sunday, Feb. 23. The parade will start at the Hancock County Government Annex on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis at 12 noon. and continue west in the east-bound lane, ending at Auderer Boulevard in Waveland.

The Hancock County Tourism Bureau credits the annual parade as the biggest cultural event in Hancock County every year, drawing tens of thousands of visitors and locals alike.

KREWE OF NEREIDS PARADE ROUTE, FEB. 12,AT NOON.

The Nereids parade – like the krewe itself – started small, but grew quickly.

LADIES' CHOICE

The Krewe of Nereids is the oldest Mardi Gras Krewe on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. In mythology, Nereids are sea nymphs (or female spirits of the sea), the 50 daughters of Doris and Nereus.

There are more than 50 mermaid sisters in the Krewe of Nereids.

The all-women Krewe of Nereids organized in Waveland in 1966, and has grown into one of the biggest Carnival organizations on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

According to one of the founding members, "There were seven of us who came up with the idea and started it," after attending a Waveland Civic Assoc. St. Patrick's Day parade. "We kind of came up with the idea that it would be real neat to have a group at Waveland to promote Waveland and the businesses on Coleman Avenue.

"We met at the old drugstore and we formed the first board of directors.

"We named the organization Nereids, which were the 50 daughters of Nereus and Doris – mythological figures.

"We did most of the floats and costumes ourselves for

the first few years, and we tried to add a float to the parade each year. One of the things we wanted to do was to try to provide a lovely family atmosphere."

From the beginning, she said, "The women were to remain anonymous and the men (their dukes) were to be honored and recognized."

In the first year, she said, the original seven women in the group became 100.

Today, the Krewe of Nereids boasts more than150 members from across the US.

A veil of secrecy prevails over all of the group's Carnival festivities.

The Captain is the only member who knows the identities of the King, Queen, and Court each year. The members wait for years to be chosen for the honor. The Captain chooses the theme each year and all of the costumes.

The Nereids' carnival celebrations moved from the St. Joseph Academy gym to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum, and within a few years, the crowds attending the parades grew so big, they had to be moved from tiny, two-lane Coleman Avenue to four-lane Hwy. 90, the Coast's major thoroughfare.

A few years ago, the Nereids finally made public the identities of their founding seven members: Kitty Mollere, Louise Lynch, Nancy Gex, Gerry Blanchard, Elaine Colson, Claire Bourgeois and Dot Markel.

Fifty-eight years after its founding, the Krewe of Nereids parade still offers a fun, family atmosphere, with a long and storied past handed down generation to generation.

The Krewe of Nereids will host its 57th annual Mardi Gras parade on Sunday, Feb. 23, beginning at noon. The parade is recognized as the biggest cultural event in Hancock County.

KREWE of DIAMONDHEAD

Celebrating its golden anniversary Saturday, March 1

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The Krewe of Diamondhead will host its 2025 Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, March 1, beginning at noon. Applications for parade participants or questions about the parade should be directed to our Parade Director, Sandy McGraw at kdhparade@gmail.com.

The Krewe of Diamondhead has a long and storied history. The krewe formed in the 1970s. Joe Salvatore reigned as King Ali'i Honua I at the first Mardi Gras ball in 1975.

The Krewe of Diamondhead held its Coronation Ball for the Mardi Gras year 2025 with the theme of "The Gatsby Era." Jamie Wetzel-Morgan, Ball Chairperson, welcomed guests and ushered them to their seats for the festivities.

As the Royal Court for 2025 were formally announced, they entered the ballroom to the song "Sing, Sing, Sing (With a Swing) instrumental, and each took their place on stage as they awaited the arrival of the King and Queen elect.

The maids wore the traditional black floor length gowns. The Dukes wore traditional black tuxedos. The Royal Court for 2025 are Duke James Embry & Maid Melissa Embry, Duke Dennis Holmes & Maid Patty Holmes, Duke Alijah Lee & Maid Kennedy Kingston, and Duke Heath Harwood & Maid Jessie Harwood.

The Krewe of Diamondhead will host its 2025 parade on Saturday, March 1, beginning at noon.

The "Herald Call" once again alerted the audience to the pending presentation of royalty. Queen elect, Alison Kingston entered the ballroom proudly escorted by Rebecca Backstrom.

The fanfare again sounded and all eyes were on the back on the ballroom as King elect Jamie Kingston was announced and entered to the traditional song "If I ever Cease to Love."

Diamondhead has several other krewes which host their own celebrations, elect their own royalty each year, and march along with the Krewe of Diamondhead, including the Krewe of Selene, the Krewe of Kamehameha (Boaters) and the Krewe of Olympus.

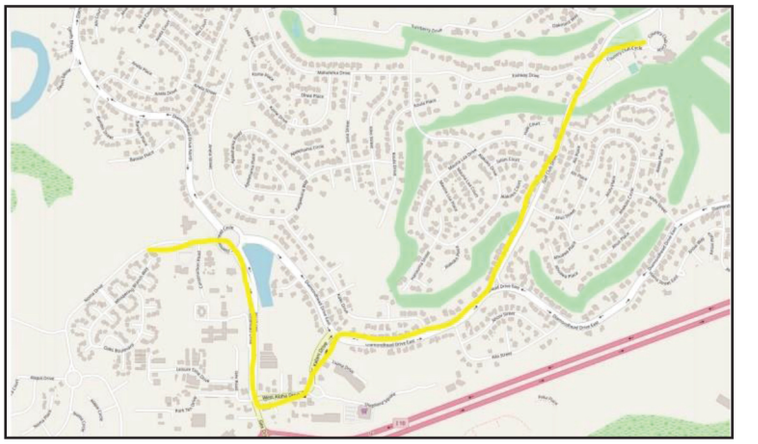
The 2025 Queen Selene, Sara Koger, and King Endymius, Tom Koger were crowned at a lavis ball on Nov. 16.

The Boaters Association of Diamondhead welcomed King Akua Kai the 49th Tom Warren and his lovely queen Sue Warren and their royal court at its annual Coronation Ball on January 4, 2025 at the Club at Diamondhead.

The Krewe of Olympus this year welcomes King Zeus the XVII, Catalino Aguda III (Cat) , and his Queen Hera XV, Jane Aguda

The Krewe of Olympus was formed in 2007, and consists of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five members of the Board of Directors who hold position for no more than three consecutive years. Membership is by invitation only, and limited to 100 members. Events covered by membership dues are the cocktail/announcement dinner dance in September, the Annual Mardi Gras Ball in January, and the Toga Party or Spring Dance in March.

Other krewes such as the Krewe du Shoe and the Krewe of Tiki participate in the parade each year, but don't publicize royalty.



KREWE OF DIAMONDHEAD PARADE ROUTE, MARCH 1,AT NOON.

MYSTIC KREWE of THE SEAHORSE

Celebrating History and Revelry on Lundi Gras Night

Bay St. Louis' own pirate krewe will parade in Old Town this Lundi Gras, led by Captain Longbeard and Lady Claiborne aboard their pirate ship.

On Monday, March 3, beginning at 5::30 p.m.,The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse, the non-profit that also created the popular "Pirate Day in the Bay" event, will celebrate it's 10th year with its annual Lundi Gras Parade.

The pirates of the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse hosted their annual "Mutiny in the Bay" gala on Jan. 18, officially introducing its new court, which includes Capt. Longbeard V Alan Ehrich and Lady Claiborne V Stacey Prevost Maysonave.

Rounding out this year's honor guard are Kim Salmon Hunt, Phil Hunt, Dalton Scott Carr, Robin Carr, Lynn Davis, Wes Davis, Trudy Jonau Ehrich, Todd Maysonave, Ashley Bourgeois and Robbie Bourgeois.

The krewe is based on the historical battle of BSL in 1814 where the S.S. Aligator and the S. S. Seahorse, bravely defended the waters of the Bay and Lake Borne against the British Navy as they were en route to New Orleans. This delay gave the U.S. Navy in New Orleans, under the command of General Andrew Jackson, time to prepare and prevail against the British Navy in New Orleans, as part of the War of 1812. The krewe proudly takes the name "Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse" to honor these brave men.

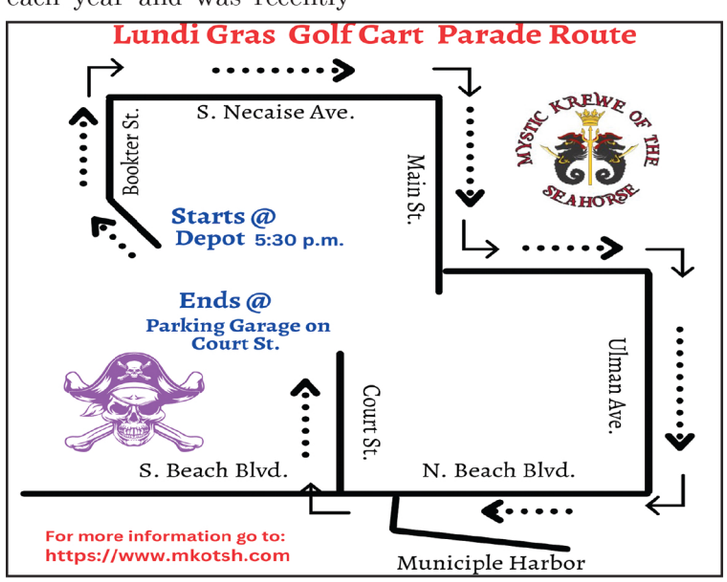
The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will host its 2025 parade on Lundi Gras, Monday, March 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse and the General Society of War of 1812 in Mississippi celebrated the 210th anniversary of the Naval Battle of Bay St. Louis in December by unveiling a new historical marker.

"Jackson's victory at New Orleans was purchased with the selflessness and valor of our seamen and ordinary people, said State Society President Michael Schenk. "The Mississippi Society is honored to have collaborated with our hosts--the Hancock County Historical Society, the City of Bay St. Louis, and the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse--on this project to highlight this historical battle and its important role in ending the War of 1812. We are thrilled to present this gift to the people of Hancock County. I encourage all Mississippians to come support and celebrate with us, reflect upon our hard-won independence, and consider the risks and choices faced by that generation."

Organized by volunteers with the Krewe, the Lundi Gras parade is growing each year and was recently named a Top Twenty Festival or Event by Southeast Tourism Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting travel and tourism within twelve states.. Revelers will enjoy unique throws, decorated golf carts and Krewe members in full pirate costume. The krewe's monthly meetings include a 50/50 drawing to help various causes in the community. Just to name a few, there is the Bay St. Louis Community Garden, Ruth's Roots, 4-H Stem Program, King's Kitchen, Brenda's House, scholarship funds set up for fallen Officer Michael Boutte and Entergy Lineman Cayce Seal, and autism room for a nearby school, and Marine Corp. League for veteran services in our area.

The Seahorse Krewe welcomes pirates of all ages to line the city streets to catch specialty light-up Seahorse beads, LED swords and throws. For more, go to mkotsh.com.



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KREWE of REAL PEOPLE

Carrying on a century-old tradition in Bay St. Louis

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The Krewe of Real People: The Next Generation will wrap up the Mardi Gras season in Hancock County with its annual Fat Tuesday parade on March 4, beginning at 1 p.m.

The parade will follow the traditional route, beginning at Necaise Avenue, turning right on Main Street to Beach Boulevard, turning right on the beach, then right on Union Street; taking Union to Blaize to Sycamore Street, finishing up at Bookter Street

"It's not really about outside influences," Krewe of Real People: Next Generation 2018 King Rickey Lewis said. "It's people that were born and raised here and have a vested interest in this community. We are real people."

In the pre-Civil Rights era, there doesn't seem to have been much mixing of the races at Carnival time.

"At one time, Biloxi even had a Zulu parade," Murella Hebert Powell wrote in "A Brief History of Mardi Gras." "The black community had their own parade whose king arrived at an oil dock and marched through the streets of Biloxi in the early morning hours."

In Bay St. Louis, the 100 Men's Benevolent Association held sway in the 1930s, sponsoring Indian parades and an annual Carnival ball.

King Leo Hawkins, II and Queen Whitney Bradley led the way for the Krewe of Real People: The Next Generation's 2024 Mardi Gras Day parade in Bay St. Louis. This year's parade is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, beginning at 1 p.m.

In a Feb. 11, 2001 Sea-Coast Echo article written by Bennie Shallbetter, Bay St. Louis resident Alvina Nichols (who passed away in September 2016 at the age of 90) recalled her father James "Sun" Rosemond.

Just like in the New Orleans Indian parades, the men dressed in hand-made Native-American style finery, complete with buckskin and feathered head-dresses.

"Daddy would start weeks ahead getting his Indian wig ready," Nichols said. "By stealing just a little bit of hair from a bunch of horses' tails, that's what it was made of, and my mother would spend weeks making her dress.

"Everyone would work on practicing for the parade on what used to be Easy Street, and is now Karen Street. It was just a little alley."

Nichols said her father "never missed carnival, not even the year my brother Cornell was born on Carnival day. … He waved to my mother when the parade went by our house on Sycamore Street, and then got up on the stage at the 100 Men's Hall and announced the birth of his son."

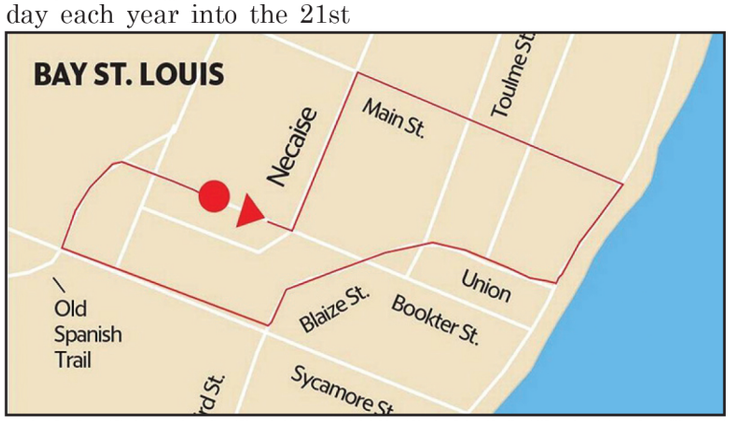
Other predominantly African-American Carnival organizations continued through the 1970s, including the Merry Makers, Les Dames, Mademoiselles Bon Amis, and the Pleasure Seekers.

The Krewe of Real People formed in Bay St. Louis in 1981 to carry on that tradition, parading on Fat Tuesday each year into the 21st Century, although it was more integrated.

"To be a member of the Krewe of Real People, all you have to do is want to be a member," krewe co-founder Sandra Price told the Sea Coast Echo in 2003.

"To be willing to work with other people. We're not big and we're not fancy, but we put our hearts into our parade and all our activities. We want to keep this going for the community to give something back, and to keep the spirit of the season alive for the children. The letters of the name "REAL" stand for Realist, Energetic, and Loving People, Price said.

The Krewe of Real People later morphed into the Krewe of Diamonds, which operated for 12 years in the Bay before the children and grandchildren of the original Real People founders took over with the Krewe of Real People -- The Next Generation, which first paraded in 2018. The Krewe will celebrate its 2025 Carnival Ball on Feb. 22 at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall.



KREWE OF REAL PEOPLE PARADE ROUTE, MARCH 4,AT 1 P.M.

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Celebrating its 95th annual Mardi Gras parade on March 2

The St. Paul Carnival Association will host its 95th annual Mardi Gras parade on Sunday, March 2, beginning at noon.

The parade starts at the corner of Davis Avenue and Second Street, proceeds to Scenic Drive turns west to Henderson Avenue, North to St. Louis, east to Church Street, south to Second Street, east on Second to Davis Avenue.

This year's royalty includes King Christian XCV James Butcher and Queen Christiana 2025 Rebecca Koenenn.

The St. Paul Carnival Association is one of the oldest Mardi Gras krewes on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, forming in 1930.

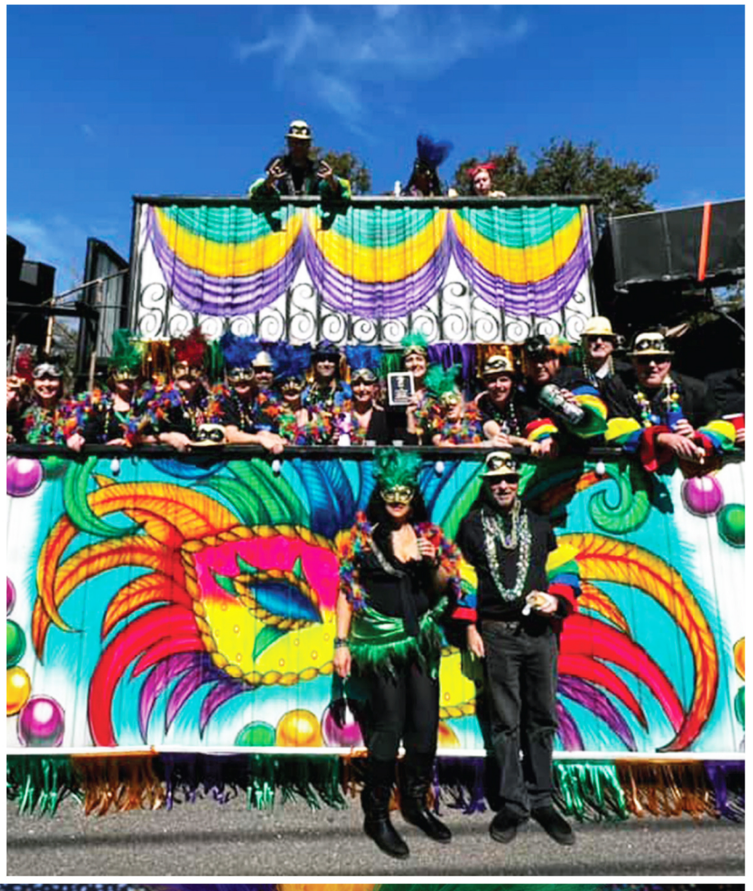
St. Paul's School was then St. Joseph and its entire faculty was composed of nuns, the Sisters of Mercy. There was very little money to operate the school so a group of ladies decided to have a Carnival ball on Mardi Gras night for the benefit of the school. This group of ladies was headed by the Knosts and the Langs. Since there were no gymnasiums in town and no other hall large enough, the first Ball of the Mercy Carnival Association was held in a large tent which was being used for a skating rink. After a few years the Mercy Carnival Association became the St. Joseph Carnival Association and when the name of the school was changed it became the St. Paul Carnival Association. Many different places were used for the Balls since the first Mercy Carnival in 1930 until the St. Paul Gym was built. Sometime during the '50s, the Carnival Association began having a parade in connection with the Ball. Each year the theme of the parade is changed. The Ball is always held on Saturday night and the parade on Sunday preceding Shrove Tuesday. Trophies are now awarded to outstanding organizations and family floats. Beads and trinkets are thrown from the floats.

King Christian XCV James Butcher and Queen Christiana 2025 Rebecca Koenenn.

In the late 60's, doubloons were added to the throws. On one side of the doubloon is a picture of the Pass Christian Marker. On the other side is a picture representing the theme of the parade for that year. It also contains the name of the Carnival Association and the year. The 1953 Kings Float was the first in the history of parades to be pulled by a tractor. The king that year was Dr. C.D. Taylor.

Each year the King and Queen receive Carnival banners from the organization to display in front of their homes on Mardi Gras or the week of Mardi Gras to denote that they are members of the Royal Family of Christian and Christiana. Many Kings and Queens have come and gone since 1930, and many parades have rolled through the streets of the Pass.

ST. PAUL PARADE ROUTE, MARCH 2 AT NOON.



The St. Paul Carnival Association will host its 94th annual Mardi Gras parade on Sunday, March 2.

MARDI GRAS FOR THE KIDS

Krewe of Kids and the Holy Trinity Catholic School Krewe of Knights

Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre proclaims "Krewe of Kids Day" during last year's parade in front of Dunbar Village. This year's parade is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

One of the best things about Carnival on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is that it's family-friendly, and two long-standing local krewes prove that year-after-year.

The Krewe of Kids and Holy Trinity Catholic School's Krewe of Knights both have big parades planned this year.

The Krewe of Kids will celebrate its 46th annual Mardi Gras parade this year beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Krewe Captain Lisa Cowand announced Tuesday that this year's grand marshal will be Waveland Mayor Jay Trapani.

The krewe is still looking for its 2025 king and queen. The titles are open to those ages 5-12 — just send your child's information to Krewe of Kids Capt. Lisa Cowand at 1005 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis, 39520, by Feb. 5.

The parade will follow its traditional route, starting in front of Dunbar Village in Bay St. Louis for a toast with the elders there.

The parade was founded in 1979 by Jake and Evelyn Cox Jacobs and the Cox children.

It started out as a way to keep the kids busy and get rid of excess Mardi Gras throws, Evelyn's daughter Kathy Mauffray said in 2016, but in 1979, her brother David -- then age 11 -- took it upon himself to go to the city and get a parade permit. That year, the first official "Krewe of Kids" parade was held on Lundi Gras.

The HTCS Krewe of Knights parade is to roll on Friday, Feb. 28. The krewe is made up of students, teachers and alumni.

The parade usually travels from the school on Second Street in downtown Bay St. Louis to the beach, then up Court Street before meeting with the royal court from the Krewe of Nereids for a lemonade toast and a proclamation from the mayor.

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